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Under the provisions of Section 413.031 of the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, Title 5, Subtitle A of the Texas Labor Code, effective June 17, 2001 and Commission Rule 133.305, titled Medical Dispute Resolution-General, and 133.307, titled Medical Dispute Resolution of a Medical Fee Dispute, a review was conducted by the Division regarding a medical fee dispute between the requestor and the respondent named above. This dispute was received on 4-15-03.

I. DISPUTE

Whether there should be reimbursement for CPT code 99078.

II. FINDINGS

The respondent denied reimbursement based upon "L – Not treating doctor approved treatment."

III. RATIONALE

DOS	CPT	Billed	Paid	EOB	MAR\$	Reference	Rationale
	CODE			Denial	(Maximum		
				Code	Allowable		
					Reimbursement)		
4-23-02	99078	\$475.00	\$0.00	L	DOP	Rule 126.9	Requestor submitted a referral from
						General	treating doctor, DC for claimant
						Instructions	to attend the educational spinal and
						GR (III)	joint injury workshop; therefore,
							reimbursement of \$475.00 is
							recommended.

IV. DECISION

Based upon the review of the disputed healthcare services within this request, the Division has determined that the requestor **is** entitled to reimbursement for CPT code (99078). Pursuant to Sections 402.042, 413.016, 413.031, and 413.019 the Division hereby ORDERS the Respondent to remit **\$475.00** plus all accrued interest due at the time of payment to the Requestor within 20 days receipt of this Order.

The above Findings and Decision are hereby issued this 12th day of February 2004.

Elizabeth Pickle Medical Dispute Resolution Officer Medical Review Division